

Academic Development

The units in Academic Development are designed to assist students K-12 in developing the academic skills necessary to be successful in the classroom and in life. The three major areas covered in Academic Development are:

Applying skills needed for educational achievement.

Major Points: The emphasis in this area is developing “academic self-efficacy”. This includes instilling the belief that every individual can set and attain academic goals. Self-management, study and test taking skills are systematically and intentionally taught to every K-12 student. Sources of help are available for students; they are taught to recognize the need for academic assistance and where and how to get help.

Applying the skills of transitioning between educational levels.

Major Points: The learning within this area includes helping K-12 students acquire the information necessary to make smooth transitions from grade to grade and setting to setting (e.g. elementary school to middle school; school to post-secondary options). Understanding expectations of teachers and requirements of subject areas are examples of information that will help students understand the changes required by transitions.

Developing and monitoring personal plan of study.

Major Points: The Missouri School Improvement Program requires all students to have individual educational and career plans that are initiated no later than 8th grade. This area places emphasis on the knowledge, understanding and skills K-12 students need in order to develop a meaningful educational plan. Specific tasks include: learning to set goals; developing a plan to reach goals; knowing where to go for information/assistance; reviewing and modifying plans.

UNIT DESCRIPTION: My Path to Success		SUGGESTED UNIT TIMELINE: 2 Lessons				
In this unit students will analyze their strengths and weaknesses by graphing their grades. Using this information and a list of their life experiences, students will create their formal resumes and personal goal plans.		CLASS PERIOD (min.): 30 minutes each				
ESSENTIAL QUESTIONS:						
1. How does my current academic performance affect later career and education choices?						
ESSENTIAL MEASURABLE LEARNING OBJECTIVES	CCSS LEARNING GOALS (Anchor Standards/Clusters)	CROSSWALK TO STANDARDS				
		GLEs/CLEs	PS	CCSS	OTHER ASCA	DOK
1. The student will construct a graph of his/her grades from previous year and the reporting period of the current year in order to assess his/her strengths and weaknesses.		AD.6.A.07: Assess academic achievement to refine education goals for life-long learning.		SL.6-8.1 SL.6-8.2 SL.6-8.5 L.7.3	AD B. Students will complete school with the academic preparation essential to choose from a wide range of substantial post-secondary options including college.	Level 3
2. The student will write a journal entry/paragraph analyzing strengths and weaknesses of his/her personal graphs, including steps toward goal attainment.		AD.6.A.07		WHST.6-8.4 L.7.1 L.7.2 L.7.3 L.7.5 L.7.6	AD B	Level 3
ASSESSMENT DESCRIPTIONS*:						
Assessment for the unit will be completed through review of final student works, i.e. graphs, journal entries and/or reflection paragraphs.						

Obj. #	INSTRUCTIONAL STRATEGIES (research-based): (Teacher Methods)				
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Direct <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Indirect <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Experiential <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Independent study <input type="checkbox"/> Interactive Instruction				
1 2	See Lessons: Lesson 1 Graphing My Path to Success Lesson 2 Analyzing My Path to Success				
Obj. #	INSTRUCTIONAL ACTIVITIES: (What Students Do)				
1 2	See Lessons: Lesson 1 Graphing My Path to Success Lesson 2 Analyzing My Path to Success				
	<u>Direct:</u> Structured Overview Lecture Explicit Teaching Drill & Practice Compare & Contrast Didactic Questions Demonstrations Guided & Shared - reading, listening, viewing, thinking (Ls. 1, 2)	<u>Indirect:</u> <input type="checkbox"/> Problem Solving <input type="checkbox"/> Case Studies <input type="checkbox"/> Reading for Meaning <input type="checkbox"/> Inquiry <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Reflective Discussion (Ls. 1, 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Writing to Inform <input type="checkbox"/> Concept Formation <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Concept Mapping (Ls. 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Concept Attainment <input type="checkbox"/> Cloze Procedure	<u>Experiential:</u> <input type="checkbox"/> Field Trips <input type="checkbox"/> Narratives <input type="checkbox"/> Conducting Experiments <input type="checkbox"/> Simulations <input type="checkbox"/> Games <input type="checkbox"/> Storytelling <input type="checkbox"/> Focused Imaging <input type="checkbox"/> Field Observations <input type="checkbox"/> Role-playing <input type="checkbox"/> Model Building <input type="checkbox"/> Surveys <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Charting/Graphing (Ls. 1)	<u>Independent Study</u> <input type="checkbox"/> Essays <input type="checkbox"/> Computer Assisted Instruction <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Journals (Ls. 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Learning Logs <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Reports (Ls. 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Learning Activity Packages <input type="checkbox"/> Correspondence Lessons <input type="checkbox"/> Learning Contracts <input type="checkbox"/> Homework <input type="checkbox"/> Research Projects <input type="checkbox"/> Assigned Questions <input type="checkbox"/> Learning Centers	<u>Interactive Instruction</u> <input type="checkbox"/> Debates <input type="checkbox"/> Role Playing <input type="checkbox"/> Panels <input type="checkbox"/> Brainstorming <input type="checkbox"/> Peer Partner Learning <input type="checkbox"/> Discussion <input type="checkbox"/> Laboratory Groups <input type="checkbox"/> Think, Pair, Share <input type="checkbox"/> Cooperative Learning <input type="checkbox"/> Jigsaw <input type="checkbox"/> Problem Solving <input type="checkbox"/> Structured Controversy <input type="checkbox"/> Tutorial Groups <input type="checkbox"/> Interviewing <input type="checkbox"/> Conferencing
UNIT RESOURCES: Common Core State Standards (CCSS), accessed May 17, 2013, from http://www.corestandards.org/					